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SUBJECT:COUNTERVAILING DUTY COMPLAINT -- FERROCHROME

REF: (A)STATE 004736; (B)PRETORIA 0104

1. ALLEGATIONS OF BOUNTIES OR GRANTS ON SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTS OF FERROCHROME INCLUDE FOLLOWING: (1) REDUCED RAILWAY RATES FOR EXPORTS; (2) REDUCED ELECTRICITY RATES FOR ORE BENEFICATION PLANTS; (3) REDUCED HARBOR DUES; (4) INCOME TAX ALLOWANCE FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES; (5) PREFERENTIAL FINANCING FOR EXPORTS AND CREATION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR EXPORTS; AND (6) GOVERNMENT SYSTEM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROVIDING INEXPENSIVE LABOR THROUGH APARTHEID LAWS.

2. NO REPEAT NO TREASURY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER THESE PROGRAMS ARE BOUNTIES OR GRANTS WITHIN MEANING OF U.S. LAW. CASE IS STILL UNDER REVIEW AND FULL SCALE INQUIRY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEGUN. REFTEL (A) ANNOUNCED NEW STATUTORY PROCEDURE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION ALLEGING BOUNTIES OR GRANTS AND DOES NOT INDICATE INITIATION OF FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION.

3. WHEN TREASURY PROCEEDS WITH INVESTIGATION IT WILL SEEK

INFORMATION ON HOW THESE PROGRAMS OPERATE AND WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT FERROCHROME EXPORTERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM. ANY READILY AVAILABLE AND CURRENT DATA WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES RELEVANT WOULD BE APPRECIATED, BUT EMBASSY REQUESTED NOT REPEAT NOT TO SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS. LOGISTICS FOR DATA COLLECTION AND POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY TREASURY INVESTIGATORS WILL BE DISCUSSED AS NEED ARISES.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED PROMPTLY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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